

Wastewater Management Commission (WWMC)

Meeting minutes July 28, 2008

(Approved by WWMC on 18 August 2008)

Meeting time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Tiverton Community Center

Members present: Chris Nearpass, John Christo, Don Wilbur, Leroy Kendricks, Colleen Stanton, & Stephen York.

Also in attendance: John Lincourt, (WWS) Wastewater Superintendent
Stephen Berlucchi: Public Works Director
Atty. Jeremiah R. Leary, Esq.
Davis Logan, developer for Countryview LLC and Watuppa Plantations

1. The minutes of the July 7, 2008 meeting as recorded by the Secretary of the Commission was amended and unanimously approved on a motion by Stephen York and 2nd by Leroy Kendricks.

2. On-Site Issues – Onsite Wastewater Management, Implementation of:

(1) **Stafford Pond Watershed** – No updates to report.

(2) **Nanaquaket Pond Watershed** – John Lincourt defined the watershed area and mapped out the lots that will be involved. There are a total of 850 properties that will receive notices that their septic systems must be inspected. It was agreed that since there is a large amount of properties the notices will be sent to 1/3 of the owners at a time. John Lincourt will prepare a listing of which owners will receive the notices and at what time period.

3. Sewer Projects:

Betterment assessments. – John Lincourt presented a draft letter to be sent to property owners, which must connect to the sewer line within one year. The letter was reviewed by the WWMC, which recommended that John include additional information. John will revise the letter and submit it at the next WWMC meeting.

Ponta Pump Station – John Lincourt reported that an agreement was made with National Grid with approval of the Ponta Club to switch the electrical service billing to the Town of Tiverton. The Town is not responsible for any back-bills the Ponta Club has with the electric company. The Ponta Club has shut off all major service outlets. Only the alarm system and one outlet are being used. This is the best solution at this time to continue to provide electrical service to the Ponta Pump station.

Watuppa Plantations/Countryview Estates – John Lincourt reported that there is some additional actions required prior to the WWMC giving approval for the Watuppa Plantation sewer line and pump station. Mr. Davis Logan agreed to complete these actions and report back to John Lincourt.

Bourne Mill – Construction by Dellbrook Co. has started and the Pump station should be completed in 13 months. The WWMC requested John Lincourt to provide a cost estimate for conversion from the Ponta Pump Station to the Bourne Mill Pump station.

4. Long Range Planning: Alternative structure for sewer users – A meeting with Town Officials will be scheduled to discuss this topic.

5. Financial Report: -

- Chris Nearpass reported that the Town Council approved the FY 09 Budget Update at the 14 July 2008 Town Council meeting.

- User rates (Fall River charges update) – John Lincourt reported that the Fall River City Council is working on this issue and should be resolved at their next meeting.

- “L” Account – It was reported that there is a balance of \$67,000.00 in this account that can be used for capital expenses.

6. Public Education: - No Update

7. Documentation & Procedures:

- **Audet, Carpenter, Blaisdell and Cliff Street** - John Lincourt reported that he has received one estimate of \$1,500.00 / day from Barr & Associates for to provide video inspection of the sewer lines in Audet, Carpenter, Blaisdell and Cliff streets. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the WWMC to have Barr & Associates provide video/audio and a report of the sewer lines for one day..

- R.I. WARN Agreement – As reported at the last WWMC meeting this document provides new regulations for Operations & Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Facilities. John Lincourt will take the necessary action to compile with this agreement.

- “Rules and Regulations for the Operations and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Facilities” dated April 2008 - As reported at the last WWMC meeting this document requires Tiverton’s WWM to prepare an Operational and Maintenance plan to be submitted to DEM for their review and approval. John Lincourt reported that the WWM plan must be submitted to DEM by May 2009. This item will be addressed further at our next meeting.

8.General Administration

- The WWMC agreed with John Lincourt to pay Grandview Construction CO \$30,067.31 for installation of sewer lines in West Canonicus Street. Approx \$13,000.00 will be held as retainage.

- Leroy Kendricks reported that Tiverton’s Economic Development Commission requested that the WWMC make a presentation to them at their 14 August 2008 meeting. Leroy will take this for action.

- Steve Berlucchi notified the WWMC that this commission could file a lien on a sewer user property due to unpaid bills.

- John Lincourt presented a WWMC Mileage and Expense report (Total \$ 134.01) for the month of July 2008. The report was reviewed and approved by the WWMC.

- It was agreed by all WWMC members that the 4 August meeting be canceled.

9. A motion to adjourn (6:55 PM) was made by Chris Nearpass and 2nd by Don Wilbur. Passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting date is August 18, 2008, 5:00PM at Tiverton Community Center.

Submitted by: John S. Christo, Secretary